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quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A German resident said that 250 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and riding on trucks, which were towing artillery pieces, moved into the barracks installation in the afternoon of 29 October and another 250 troops in the morning of 3 November. About 200 soldiers were engaged in fatigue duty and in cleaning AA guns of about 85-mm, range-finders and motor vehicles on 9 November.

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2. On 9 November, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was only lightly occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. this barracks section was the only one at the post which was not decorated for the ceremonies held on 7 November. (2) The central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor port insignia. Troops were seen cleaning trucks and 20 to 25 truck trailers.

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The western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was vacated by German Volkspolizei unit between 13 and 15 October. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and truck were seen in the billeting area on 16 October. About 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered there on 9 November. No training activity was noticed.

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3. On 9 November, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Soldiers engaged in various fatigue duties.

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On 16 October, 4 officers and 400 unarmed troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen assembling in the central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne. They subsequently left toward the Ettersburg drill ground. The troops seemed to be young. Some soldiers observed in the billeting area wore black-bordered black epaulets. On 29 October, the central section of the installation was again occupied to capacity by about 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Large

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quantities of muddy signal equipment lay about the barracks yard. The same troops were engaged in fatigue duty and signal training at section level on 9 November.

The western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne housed a military hospital, including a ward for Soviet civilians with a maternity station. About 50 to 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were employed as hospital orderlies.

4. In early October, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibnitz Allee and Duererstrasse was vacated by a penal unit of 200 to 250 men, which allegedly moved to Jena (M 51/I 66) and Erfurt (M 51/I 36). On 27 October, the main section of the installation was occupied by about 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and arrived in two columns. On 9 November, the installation was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some sedans were stationed in the southern section of the Nachrichten Kaserne, whose gate was located on Duererstrasse. Radio truck with extended antenna and a generator was seen in the barracks yard. Vehicles entered the installation through the gate on Leibnitz Allee.

Others which entered through the gate on Duererstrasse were

5. the military office from the Sophien Hospital, Weimar, and offices from Berlin-Karlshorst moved into the buildings at Nohra airfield in late October. Shipments of furniture continued to arrive at, or leave, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne on 6 and 10 November. Troops observed there wore red-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Soldiers were seen working on a wire to Belvedere Allee and to the Bockelsberg. The wire fence around the installation was replaced by a board fence, about 2.5 meters high.

6. The Sophien Hospital on Humboldtstrasse, Weimar, was derequisitioned by the Soviets. (8)

7. Six 85-mm AA guns were observed in emplacements on Ettersberg on 29 October. The gun emplacements were connected with the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse by a telephone wire. Six light AA guns in emplacements, 4 tents and about 35 soldiers were observed at the gas works on 14 October. (1)

8. The low wooden barracks buildings on the Schiesshaus premises on Tiefurter Allee were occupied by German Volkspolizei units in the middle of October.

9. the German Landespolizei Behoerde (Land Police Headquarters) was no longer located in the Tannenberg Kaserne. the Tannenberg Kaserne SCC agencies were now located there.

10. On 30 October, the Nachrichten Kaserne at the intersection of Leibnitz Allee and Duererstrasse was occupied by a unit of troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. (7) The telephone line between the installation and the Sophien Hospital was being removed. (8)

11. On 16 October, six trucks, each towing an AA gun of about 70-mm. were seen entering the city of Weimar from the direction of Ettersberg. On 20 October, two convoys consisting of a total of 56 trucks with 2 field kitchens were seen moving southward through the city area.

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the Flak Kaserne has quartered components of the 13th AAA Div since the beginning of November 1951. [redacted] the number of troops there at 1,000 prior to May 1951. The AA gun emplacements previously reported were still manned. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] the Tannenberg Kaserne [redacted] quartered an unidentified unit of 50 to 120 men. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted] the 257th Indep Trans Bn of the Eighth Gds Army in the central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. [redacted] only 300 troops there on 31 October 1951. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The information in paragraphs 2 and 9 still fails to indicate which units moved into the vacated western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
- (5) The eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne has quartered components of the 13th AAA Div since the beginning of November. Their strength is about the same as that reported in April 1951. From 50 to 200 troops were periodically observed there between May and September 1951. 50X1-HUM
- (6) The central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quarters a signal unit [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (7) The report mentions for the first time a penal unit in the Nachrichten Kaserne. [redacted]
- (8) [redacted]
- (9) [redacted] the two convoys belonged to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The movement was presumably connected with the termination of Eighth Gds Army field exercises in the Dessau-Merseburg area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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